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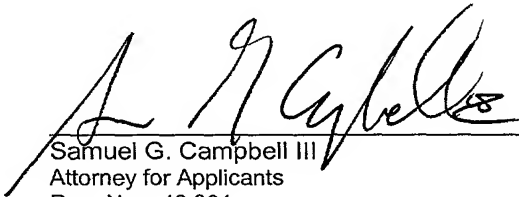
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<b>REQUEST AND CERTIFICATION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i)</b>	Inventors	Gage, Timothy M.; Yang, Yi; Savage, Donnie V.
	Title	A Method Of Establishing Bi-Directional Connectivity Of A Network Element In A Network
	Atty Docket Number	M-11998 US

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